



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

OFFICE OF STATE ETHICS

August 2, 2012

RESPONSE TO LCO COMMENTS

Proposed Amendments to Ethics Regulations

Summary of Changes

The changes below refer to the Substantive Concerns and Technical Corrections issued by the Legislative Commissioners' Office on July 24, 2012.

Substantive Concerns

1. On page 5, in Section 4, the new proposed language makes it explicitly clear that the lobbyist registration fee is set by the Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board. Any calculation as to how much it costs to implement the lobbyist filing system is reached by the Office of State Ethics staff.
2. On page 5, in Section 4, the new proposed language clarifies that notice will be provided as follows:
 - a. The statement identifying the Office of State Ethics' calculation will be published on the Office of State Ethics' website and by email to all registrants.
 - b. Notice of the Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board meeting at which a new filing fee will be set will be emailed to all known registrants. (In addition, pursuant to Freedom of Information law, notice of any meeting of the Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board is always posted on the Office of State Ethics' website).
 - c. If the registration fee is expected to increase by 10% or more of the existing registration fee and the Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board is asked to hold a public hearing, notice of such hearing will be provided to interested parties by email. (Again, this is in addition to the FOI-required website notice).
 - d. Notice of the final registration fee will be published on the Office of State Ethics' website and notice will be emailed to all registrants.

Technical Corrections

1. The first page of the regulation, which was blank, was deleted.
2. Throughout the proposed regulation, the terminology "Proposal #1," "Proposal #2," etc. was replaced with the proper "Section 1, Section 1-92-40 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies is amended to read as follows," etc.
3. The statements of purpose were consolidated into one statement of purpose located at the end of the proposed regulations.

4. On page two, the paragraph of text beginning with “The proposed amendments” was deleted.
5. On page three, in section 1-92-40a, the slash mark before “Office” was changed to a comma.
6. On page six, in section 1-92-31, the new underlined text was removed to after the bracketed language and the period was un-bracketed.